



## Information Sheet

**Purpose:** The purpose of this project is to improve traffic operations, reduce congestion, and enhance traffic safety within freeway-to-freeway interchanges on State Route 180 between State Routes 41 and 168.

**Need:** Traffic congestion and higher than average accident rates on this segment of State Route 180 between State Routes 41 and 168 constitute the need for this project.

**Description:** The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and R& L Brosamer, Inc. have started construction on the Braided Ramps Project located on State Route 180 between State Route 41 and 168 in the City of Fresno. The new ramp connections between State Routes 41, 168, and 180 will improve traffic operations, reduce congestion, and enhance traffic safety within freeway-to-freeway interchanges. Along the new ramp connections, two new structures will be constructed and the existing First Street undercrossing will be widened. The Cedar Avenue on ramp to westbound State Route 180 will be widened to two lanes in order to accommodate a ramp metering system. Ramp-metering is also proposed on westbound State Route 180 to the southbound State Route 41 branch connection. All work is within the existing state right-of-way.

**Project Cost:** \$49 million.

**Funding Source:** The project was programmed in the 2010 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) cycle and is included in the Measure C local sales tax program administered by the Fresno County Transportation Authority (FCTA).

**Project Timeline:** Construction will begin June 2012 and is anticipated to be completed winter 2013.

**Questions?** For more information, please contact Veronica Murray, Public Information Officer, Hotline 1-(855) 265-6118, TTY Users - 711, or by email at [vmurray@brosamer.com](mailto:vmurray@brosamer.com).

